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REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 3, 5-12, 22-27, 29-31, 33, and 35 are pending, claims 5-7, 10, 22-27, 29-31 and 33 are amended, and claims 1, 2, 4, 13-21, 28, 32, 34 and 36 are canceled. The claims have been amended as a result of a telephone conversation on July 1, 2004 with the Examiner and applicants' undersigned representative. In this conversation the Examiner agreed to allow the claims of elected Group I and rejoin Group III (claim 35) to the allowed claims. Applicants agreed to cancel claims 4, 32 and 36 and amend claim dependency so that no claim depends from a canceled claim.

Formal Drawings, IDS and Priority Claim

During the July 1, 2004 telephone conversation, the Examiner agreed that in the forthcoming Notice of Allowance he would (a) acknowledge and accept the formal drawings filed on July 7, 2003 with this application, (b) initial all of the references listed on Form SB08 of the IDS filed on July 7, 2003 and (c) acknowledge the receipt of the certified copies of priority documents received in Application No. 07/687,238, now US Patent No. 5,196,444.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to

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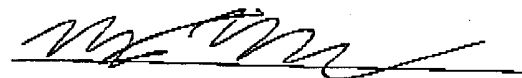
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Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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